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FOR,

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Containing

Divers Chronological Notes, Astrological  
Predictions, and Monthly Observations,  
for the ensuing Year.

As also prognosticating,

The ruine of Monarchy throughout all  
Christendom; the time prefixed for an Invasion;  
and the great and unparallel'd things that  
will happen thereupon.

Likewise a Description of the strange and dreadfull Signes  
and Apparitions that will be visible in the Moneths of *April* and  
*May* next ensuing; as Lightnings and Thunder at *Tower-hill*,  
*Westminster*, and other places; sounding of Trumpets, and  
beating of Drums in the Ayre: with the Effect there-  
of: the change of Governments, Religion, and  
Laws: the death of a *Lion*, and  
What it signifies.

Together with *Englands* Black Calendar; shewing the  
Year, Moneth, and Day, of the beheading of the late King,  
*Lord Wentworth*, Bishop of *Canterbury*, *Capel*, *Killand*,  
and the rest of that *Bed-Roll*.

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and the great and terrible things that  
will happen in the year.

A Description of the Signs and Portents  
which will be visible in the Month of May, and  
the beginning of the Year, 1652, as they are  
predicted by the Learned Astronomers, and  
the Learned Divines; with the Names of the  
Persons who have been appointed to the  
Government of the City of London, and  
the County of Middlesex, for the Year, 1652.  
The Names of the Members of the House of  
Commons, for the Year, 1652.  
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The Worlds Wonder; Or, Great Brittain's black Calendar: Containing Chronological Notes, Astrological Predictions, and Monethly Observations, for the ensuing Year, 1652.

*Observations on January.*

**T**His Month begins with tricks and treachery, and each man who hath been nibbling with the *Common-wealths treasure*, begins to convey his ill-gotten goods over unto *Trustees*, for his posterity: but this must not be; for gracious and pious things are a doing for the good of the poor *Commoner*; and there are a faithful and cordial Generation both in *City, Army, and Countrey*; that about this time are calling to an account some great Ones, for the vast sums they have received, and the small moities by them expended: Courts of Judicature look to your selves. (*a Glister is preparing*) administer Justice impartially; no longer let Might overcome Right; but let this Golden Rule be your Character and Motto; *Do unto every man, as you would have them do unto you.* Therefore, O ye Lawyers of *England*, now become honest; and let the cries of the poor, no longer be open'd against you; cease from corrupt bribings of the Rich, and administer true justice to the poor: *'Tis never too late to learn to be honest, Fellow-Commoners.* Be assured, That wise men have now taken the bellows in hand, and they will make the fire burn, though the Wood h' th been a long time wet. The year is like to end better then it began; people hope for better times, and so do I. Muddy dark cold freezing weather, and discontents begin the Month; but pleasant Ayre, and brotherly Meetings attend the period of it.

*Fasting were once held sacred amongst Men;*

*And we may live to see them so again.*

Feb. 1652.] The Scots desire an accommodation with the State of England, but let them first learn to be honest. *Scotland, Scotland, though I love thee but a little, yet I love thee better then thou dost thy self. If thou wilt but at this time consider the things that belong to thy peace, thy poor remnant may be saved: Remember the words of Solomon, Who be to that Nation whose King is a Child.* Women are subject to hard labours in Child-bed. The Moneth ends as full of knavery, as an Egg is full of meat.

March 1652.] As the year began untowardly, so all Monarchs begin to look curvily: Kings and Magistrates receive by Authority, as thinking themselves above the Law; The common people receive, and make a Law of the Sword; but the Moneth ends with execution of justice upon Malefactors, and they no small fools neither. Unjust Treasurers are called to an account, and Committee-men and Sequestrators, are looked upon as publique Enemies.

March 1652.] This moneth produceth stormy tempests at home, but a calm influence attends the coming of it in: Most Nations in Europe make leagues with the English, especially the Swedes, Danes, and Dutch. About this time a gallant Fleet of English put to Sea; and in a short space become victorious against Prince Rupert, and the Portuguese Armado, taking many, and dispersing the rest. On the 29 of this Moneth a great Eclipse will happen, in which time the Sun will be almost totally darkened (as at the passion of our Saviour) and the stars appear in the Firmament in the day time. It happens on a Munday; which may well be called *Black-Munday*: it is the Precursor of great calamities and mischiefs that shall happen to the people and places concerned in it, especially all Europe, and more especially England: it is the terriblest eclipse that hath been seen in our dayes, and as miraculous as that was at the time of our Saviours Passion, when there was darkness on all the Land, from the 6 hour until the 9. and the veil of the Temple was rent in twain; and what horrid calamities happened to the Jewes after that? How were they destroyed by Titus Vespasian? their Temples destroyed, defaced, and themselves led into captivity? what alterations of Government did there not happen? what blood-shed, what murders were not there perpetrated? how did they embroil their hands in one anothers bowels, Father against the Son, & Son against the Father, till there was none left? pray God avert those calamities from these Nations, and especially England, who is much concerned in the effects of this solar Eclipse: God of all the World, what wilt thou do with us English? if thou deprive us of our Lights, of our Worthies,

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of our Members of Parliament, of our Nobles, of our Gentry, of such as have commanded, such as have governed, such as have not obeyed: Some *Monstrous Counsels* are hatching, the *Defect* begins in the eleventh House, it ends in the tenth: whether will the ambition of some aspiring soules carry them; they begin in friendship, under pretence of love, but all ends in treachery: Deceit and confusion unto those who work their own ends by private Conspiracies. During the effects of this Eclipse, the first, second, or third most principal or greatest person in all Europe, shall either die before 1654. or suffer great Calamities, Devastations, inroads of Enemies in a miserable way; or else the loss of all, or the greatest part, or very much of his Kingdom, or Empire. Its much feared the Spanish King lies under the time limited for termination of this Eclipse.

For it threatens the Exile, Captivity, or slaughter of some famous King, Prince, and Men in Authority, &c. Hatred, malice, and all uncharitableness betwixt the common people and their Magistrates & Governants, with detriment, or ruine to both; The motion of a great Army, cruel Warres, much bloodshed, and pestilent seditions, the sacking of Cities and Towns, House-burnings, Robberies, Thefts, plundering and pillaging, Rapes, depopulations, violent and unexpected Deaths, corruption of the Aire, putrefaction and scarcity of Fruits, abortive Births, acute Feavers, Famine, the Plague, and a general murraine amongst Cattle; Pyraies, Ship-wracks, and great Fights by Sea as well as by Land, *Et commotionem Inimicorum ab omnibus Terris, &c.* Discontents, murrurings, and insurrections, new Governments, new Religions, new Customs, new Lawes; for (saith mine Authour) *Exibunt homines de sed lege ad aliam extraneam.* In a word this Eclipse premonstrates a general madness and confusion to all such Kingdoms, Common-wealths, Countries, Cities and Towns as are under the Divlion of Aries, Liber, Cancer, and Capricorn, viz. England, Scotland, France, Germany, Denmark, Holland, Zeland, Suetia, Polonia, Granado, Burgundia the Netherlands, Macedonia, Austria, Allatia, Thracia, Greece, Saxony, and divers other Nations. (more particularly) the Cities and Towns of Naples, Terrasia, Florence, Oxford, York, and many more too large for my limits.

April 1652.] This moneth portends sad effects for the tottering time-serving Levite: the Farmer (I am certain) envies his Tithes, and eats his pigs at home. Some begin to be ashamed of their Scotch Covenant, which bound them to promote the honor and dignity of the King and his Successors, *sicintelligitur*, if they could not sell him for money to promote their own. Ma

*May 1652.* How many good Aspects fall out this Moneth? What felicity do they promise? But the truth is, *One performance is worth ten promises.* Great sicknesses threaten London this Moneth; and discontents arise, in somuch that a mutiny follows: But did thou ever get any thing by them? Will former examples do thee no good? Hath God preserved thee all this while in these civil Wars for nothing else? Doth not thy Government please thee? Thou thinkest to mend it: Thou shalt mend it, as Rome mended her self: They were not content with Scipio, but Caesar came and taught them better manners:

*When Rome's perverse, and giddy Multitude*

*Dissolv'd (in Tarquin) their Great Monarchy;*

*To doom the All Unnatural and Rude,*

*('Tis said) A Serpent barked: But when we*

*Dissolved Ours, (so were they overcome*

*With panique Fear) both Men and Beast were dumb.*

No more Kings are ever expected to reign in England: the Foundation of Monarchy is level'd: and the Government now established, we may expect till 1666; onely a change of Magistrates, and election of new Representatives. The Souldier swels with fury; the Citizens minds rise high; mens spirits are elevated: and about the middle of the Moneth, a City scuffle happens. Down goes some Clergy-men for their acting against the State; many eminent offenders question'd, sentenced and put to death, O London! thou wilt be happy and rich, if obedient unto the State; but if rebellious, thou wilt be all on flames. An eminent man departs the world by a violent death.

*June 1652.* After ill beginnings follows as corrupt proceedings, and the beginning of June, dances after the pipe of the latter end of May. Storms above, and stormy actions below; for many in Authority are now turning out, and forced to bid adieu to their sweet Commands. There comes a man from the North, and clears our domestic Distempers: *He is sent from God to do it.* Priests and Lawyers (again I admonish you) look to your selves; both the civil Magistrate and the Souldiery oppose you; & thou griping Sergeant that tyrannizeth over the poor for thy insulting Fees, look to't, *thy best dayes are almost past.* About the latter end of this moneth, great and dreadful sights will be seen in the Ayr.. Great fights at Sea this moneth, and many inundations of water, which often happens, by means of Winds, Land-floods, &c.

*The Sea bath Fits much like this present Age,  
Sometimes she pines, anon she swels with Rage;*

*And*



And makes a Rupture, where she over-flows  
 The Fertile-Banks: yet never further goes  
 (Without a Miracle,) then Natures Bounds;  
 Or if we think she do, 'tis where some Townes,  
 Enterdach upon her Interest, For she  
 Is full as constant, far more just then we.

August, 1652.] *Scarlund*, Saturn leaves thee, and I wish from my heart thy dishonesty may do the like. *Rome*, look to thy self; do not fall out one with another: remember what came of such a business towards the latter end of *Nero's* Reign. Tell the *Jesuites* what I say, and they have wit enough to pick *English* out of it. Do not admire if you see Wars in *Bohemia* again. The Plague rangeth up and down *Italy*, and *Sicillia* is like to suffer. *Apulia* is troubl'd with worse businesses then the *Spider-Tarantula*, and so is like to be these two years and a half. All the water in *Danubius* will not quench the fiery spirits in *Vim*. *Syracusa* in *Sycillia*, *Prague* in *Bohemia*, *Rome* and *Damascus*, have a care of fire: Thou remembrest the time, *Rome*, when *Nero* set thee on fire, and thou was built again; but if once God set fire to thee, that will never be quenched. God will give thee warnings enough of it, (if thou knowest when thou hast enough) and when thou seest these warnings in the Ayre, remember 1655, The Moneth ends indifferently serenely: We seem pretty quiet in *London*, I protest, 'tis almost time, I hope thou wilt be wise one of these dayes, especially when thou canst scarce do otherwise: I'll give thee this Motto to set under thy Red Cross; *Never City withstood her friends more then thou hast done*. Thou hast a little time now left thee to consider what belongs to thy peace; Make use of it, and make good use of it too.

September 1652.] This Moneth produceth great sickness, many Sea-fights, and great Victories by Land. If about the latter end of this Moneth the *Turkish* Emperour die, I can not help it, it may be he hides his head, and tis only the *Janizaries* mulishous; if he can save his life, let him: I give him fair warning of it.

Octob. 1652.] Now every one looks to himself; Can Subjects find no other time to rebel but when Winter drawes on? A mad World: Subjects would be Kings, and what the Nobles would be, neither themselves nor I know. The Pope hath all holiness and no wit, perhaps neither. Thou wast made Pope but only for a Cloak for the *Jesuites* villany; Thy condemnation is of thy self O *Rome*. Thou writest thy self a Servant of Servants, and now thou art made such a fool indeed. The Plague increaseth in *London*, and the Colledge in *Amen-*

corner cannot help it. Honesty is an excellent Herbe in the Garden of the Magistrates, and *Humblewort* would suit the Commons very well, either of them both being taken in the Morning fasting; you shall be safe from Gods Vengeance that day: *London*, the latter end of this moneth will be troublesome: The Heavens give thee warning of it, and so do I.

*Novemb. 1652.]*

I had forgotten the 1<sup>st</sup> Moneth that some great person may expect a Catastrophe, 'tis but a change out of one World into another and that we were all born to. Bitter cold weather ends the Moneth (the time of the year considered) and I hope the Countrey-man when he reads it will look to his Cattel; There's a *Lyon* will die near about this Moneth; which signifies one of the late Royal blood.

*Decemb. 1652.]* The Year draws now towards an end; I would willingly have written, so do our Troubles. Ah *London*, *London*, hast not thou been *Caput barum causa malorum*? God is merciful, and that's all the hope I have of thee: Thou mayst be wise, thou art old enough: Thou wilt be troubled with rebellious Councils, Murder and Treachery, and tis 4000 l. to a penny if it be not acted by such as pretend to Religion: Thy Women will be subject to seditions, and instead of being Housewives, will turn State-Rulers. Look to the Malignants; have a care they get not Arms into th<sup>ir</sup> Houses: Or if you please you may let them alone, they have not wit enough to use them; and yet perhaps more wit then honesty.

*The Black Calendar.*

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| <b>K</b> ing Charles beheaded at White-hall Jan. 30. 1648.  | being d <sup>r</sup> drawn and quartered on the 20 day, and the 21 barbarously murdered at Edenborough. 1650 |
| E. Cant. beheaded Jan 10. 1644                              | Yeomans & Buchor ex 28 1643  |
| Captain Burligh executed at Winchester, Feb. 10. 1648       | Tom. & Challenor July 5. 1643  |
| L. Macquire executed  | Col. Andrews beheaded Aug. 22. 1650. And the same day Mr. Love and Mr. Gibbons                               |
| D. Hamilton, E. of Holland, L. Capel beheaded Mar. 9. 1648  | 1651   |
| Sr Hen. Hide March 4. 1648                                  | Sr C. Lucas, and Sr G. Little shot to death at Colchester. 28 Aug. 1648                                      |
| Capt. Brown-Bushel beheaded the 29 of March, 1651           | Mr. Benson execut. Octob. 8. 1650  |
| Col. J. Poyer shot to death in Covent Garden, April 2. 1649 | E. of Derby beheaded at Bolton; and Capt. B. hbow shot to death at Salop. Octob. 15. 1651                    |
| Mr. Lockier shot the 27 day 1649                            | Sr Timothy Petherston beheaded at Chester, Octob. 22. 1651   |
| E. Scaford beheaded 12 May 1641                             |  |
| Earl of Montross sentenced to be                            |  |